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28 July 1966

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Counterly Period Ending 31 July 1966 (Reports Control Symbol CS Por-65)

THRU:

Commanding Officer lot Air Cav Div Arty ATTN: AVCDAR-T AFO 96490

Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development TO:

Department of the Army Washington D.C., 20310

## Section I. Significant Unit Activities

## 1. PERSONNEL

a. There has been considerable improvement in notification of personnel diverted by 90th Replacement Battalion, ANO 96307. This was reported as a problem area in the April 1936 Operational Report, and it Was so noted by the USARV AC of S, G-1, who took corrective action.

## b. Morale

- (1) Morale continues to be high.
- (2) During the reporting pariod the battalian reservai and filled 73 out-of-country and 15 in-country hear and Resuperation leave quotae. Places visited included VING Thu, BARROWN, HONG KONG, TOKYO, TAIDEL, MANILL, and SLIGAFORE. Dransportation connections to and from R&R destinations continues to improve
- c. American Red Gross representatives wibit units of this battalion on a weekly basis.
- d. Awards and Decorations. During the reporting period, one individual was awarded the Silver Star for valor, two were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for valor, twenty-two were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service, twenty-seven were everded the Army Commondation Medal, twenty-seven were awarded the Rurale Heart and two were awarded Certificates of Achievement (See Inclosure 1).

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## 2. OPERATIONS.

a. From 1 May to 31 July, firing batteries of this battalion spent a total of 223 days out of Base Comp participating in tactical operations. The following operations were supported:

 OPERATION
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 DAVY CROCKETT
 4 May = 16 May 1960

 CRAZY HORSE
 16 May = 5 June 1960

 HOOKER I
 10 June = 22 June 1960

 NATHAN HALE
 20 June = 1 July 1960

 HERRY CLAY
 1 July = The cent

- b. In addition to the operations listed above, claments of this battalion supported the Division Reaction Force (TLSK FORCE CCLT) and furnished a platoon of two howitzers to TLSK FORCE KARRIS.
- c. Requirements for CAMP RADOLIFF defense and reuts security of Highway 19 continued to be supported by this Organization.
- d. A summary of dates and task organizations is attached as Inclosure 2. After Action Reports for the operations are attached as Inclosures 3 through 7.
  - e. Summary of Ammunition Expenditure is attached as Inclosure 8.
- f. Taotical Moves. All surface moves were made by organic transportation. During the period there were fifteen buttery moves by CH-47 helicopter and one airlift of a firing battery with six weapons and six 3/4 ten trucks by C-13C aircraft.

## 3. TRAINING

- a. A Service Practice was conducted for newly Lacigned officers and key NCO(S on 20 July 1966.
- b. This organization is presently training the personnel of the Civilian Irregular Defense Group Camp at VIN Thich Valley in the use of the MIO1 105 mm howitzer. Results of this training have proved very satisfactory in actual operations against the Viet Cong.
- c. Particular emphasis is being made on the crientation of replacement personnel. Officers and key non-commissioned officers are given a four hour briefing on intelligence, organization, policy and

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lessons learned. In addition a twelve hour review of FDC firing safety and firing clearance procedures for officers was insugarated. For enlisted personnel requirements, the battalion has implemented a forty hour pre-combat training program. This program includes topics peculiar to airmobile operations and counterinsurgency in Vietnam.

## 4. LOGISTICS

- a. There was a complete issue of the new series FM radios and the thru-in of old radios.
- b. Repair Parts. The excessive time required to process "" priority items that was noted in the Quanturly Reject of April 1966 has been alleviated. This battalier is requiring repair part of an increasingly improved rate.
- c. Expendables and pioncer tools centinues to be a problem; however, the situation is improving. The first replacement pioncer tools and mechanic's tools have been received. These have amounted to some 12 axes and 30 tools. There are still 626 tools on requisition. The stocks on hand at the Self Service Supply Center mays improved to include a few of the needed items. The amjority of appendables used by the battalion are still in short supply, i.e., broken, showels, pickmattox, stationery, office supplies, pens, mineograph paper, stancels, and sanitary brushes.
- $d_\bullet$  . The following major items of TOD equipment have been on requisition in excess of ninety days:

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e. Base Development. All five battery mess halls have been completed. Unit area reads and drainage is nearly 90 per cent complete.

## 5. MEDICAL

a. The problem of unfilled rice paddies still exists within and adjacent to our area. Periodic requests have been submitted for engineer support to correct this drainage situation.

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- b. Summary for the quarter
  - (1) Sick Call Patients 455
  - (2) Deaths
    - (a) Killed in Action 1
    - (b) Death Due to Injury I
  - (3) Wounded 6
  - (4) Injured and Sick Evacuated 25
  - (5) Immunizations 2046
- 6. CIVIC ACTION. The Battalion Surgeon continued to visit the battalion's project village, KEN DONG, twice a wook rendering medical assistance. The village security fence has been completed. As soon as engineer equipment is available the clearing of undergrowth will commence.

## Section II. Lessons Lorrnel and Recommendations

- 1. Lessons Learned
  - a. Personnel and Administration

Item - Orientation of Newly Arrived Personnel

Discussion - With increased influx of personnal replacing key officer and non-commissioned officers, it is mandatory that they be thoroughly oriented on policies and procedures exercised within this command in order that there be a smooth transition. This tattlien developed a briefing program and required reading lists covering all staff areas for all officers and NGO's. In addition each staff section prepared a detailed COP on day-by-day activities.

Observation - Units should establish a detailed program to orient newly arrived personnel to effect a smooth personnel transition.

b. Logistics

Item - Use of a Float Howitzer

Discussion - This battalion has retained one float Mill 105 mm howitzer to replace weapons needing evacuation for maintenance. This weapon proved to be invaluable during the period when fourteen

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tubes, condemned for excessive number of round. fired, were replaced. The float was rotated to each battery in turn to keep the betteries operational with six howitzers.

Observation - With the extensive firing done in the area of operations, the maintenance of a float howitzer has proven to be a great asset in maintening full operational capabilities.

## 2. Recommendations

a. Operations. Reference paragraph 16, Inclosure 7, this report. Recommend that landing zone-control equipment be furnished non-divisional compat units. A letter requesting such an issue is presently being staffed.

## b. Training and Organization

- (1) Reference Section I, paragraph 36. Recommend artillery units utilize local CDX Camp for Forward Coscrer Party Training. Experience will be gained in actual field operations and in operations with ARVN personnel. This training will further augment local patrols.
- (2) Reference Section I, paragraph 3c. Recommend a division sponsored one day officer orientation program to be conducted on a weekly basis for all newly arrived officers in the Division erea. Presently the majority of occurany grade officers and majors receive , unit orientation only. The fluidity of operations within the 1st Air Cav Div is such that a general division concept in policy, openations, organization and techniques would prove quite valuable. would also allow Division command emphasis on any current problem or situation to be disseminated directly.
- (3) Reference Section I, ranagraph 3c and Section II, paragraph 2b(2). Recommend a division sponsored agrial terrain flight be conducted on a once/twice a week basis. The variety of terrain over which this division operates is such that a nowly arrived officer's first encounter with an area that varies from the local torrain is in an actual operation.

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OPT Heward F. Weber
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133 Franklin D. Forkins
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SS6 Charonce H. Ynenger
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SS5 Carl Dukes
SGT Harold W. Jackson
SGT William F. Fetterman

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117 James M. Brniy
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	SSG Buford N. Allman
	SSC Maximino Pena
	SSG Ronald J. Noftsier
	SCT Daniel L. Krammes
	SF5 Raymond K. Luwao
	CPL Joseph R. Lane
	SP4 William H. Roarks
	PFC Riccordo E. Diaz-Garcia
	FFC Steven A. Eutson
	FFC Delbert L. Thomasson
	HFC Richard Hall
	FFC Mario O. Malendaz
	PFC Larry B. McGlasson
	PFC Claude A. Williams
	FFC Donald R. Watkins
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	SGT Baniel L. Krammes (Brigade Award)
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	FWC Richard Hall (Brigade Award)
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23 June 1966

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation TASK FORCE MARRIS)

TO: Commanding Officer 2d How Dn, 17th Arty 4PO 96490

- 1. NAME AND TYPE OF OPERATION. THISK PORCE RERREST, density detection of airstrip at BAN BLECH.
  - 2. CONTROL HELIQUIRTERS. B Company, 6th Angineer Bautalion.
  - 3. DATES OF CPERATION. 10 May 1966 8 June 1966.
  - 4. LOCATION. BANGSLETS AIRCTRIP 4030/01/497.
  - 5. INTELLIGENCE
- a. On 131030 May 1966 three VC unipers shot at a parrol from a hill at EQ 022622.
- b. At 061130 and 070930 June 1966 BAN BLECK ATTESTRIP received six rounds of 57 mm recoilless rifle fire from village to our clast.
  - 6. MISSION. Direct Support B Company, 2d Dattalion, 5th Cavalry.
  - 7. EXECUTION
- a. 100530 May 66 TASK FORCE HARRIS departed FIGHAU for BAN BLECH.
- b. During the move to provide artillary fine our part, one plateen of C Btry, 2d How Dn, 17th arty made new real this chart type occupations where ambush sights were likely. That FoxCo Line 75 arrayed at BAN BLECH erea 111600 May 66. 17 HAT's were fired that night.
- o. From 11 May to 6 June numerous MAT's and illumination missions were fired. Only one live target was fired on and it was the three snipers on 13 May (5a above). Sniper fire was silenced.
- d. On 7 June one plateen read-marched to GiffDM: FLINTHIEN (ZA 062447) rejoining the battery.
- 8. REPORTING OFFICER. Harold N. Thompson, 117, Executive Officer, C Battery, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillary.

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- 9. TASK ORGANIZATION. 11t, C Stry, 2d How Sn, 17th Erry attached to B Co, 2d Bn, 5th Cav.
- 10. MARRATIVE SUMMARY. The entillery was used at BAN BLESH very effectively in supporting patrols and illumination. Direct fire using time fuse was used to cover ravines which could not be covered by the infantry perimeter.
  - 11. SUPPORTING FURGES. N/A
  - 12. RESULTS. Negative.
  - 13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. None.
- 14. SECULE EQUINER AND TECHNIQUES. Defensive fires utilizing charge I with a time fuze works very effectively in deep ravines or on rear slopes of a hill.
- 15. COMMINDER'S INLLYSIS. The plateon accomplished its mission of direct support to the infantry in a successful number. Close coordination for defensive fires was made with the infantry.
  - 16. RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

/c/Cwen F. Devlin /t/CWEN F. DEVLIN Captain, Artillery Commanding

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AVCAR-KA

⁻5 May 1966

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation Davy CROCKETT)

To: Commanding Officer 2d How Bn, 17th Arty aro 96490

- ). NAME AND TYPE OF OPERATION. DAVY CROCKETT, Search and Dustroy Operation.
  - 2. COMMAND AND CONTROL HEADQUARTERS. 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery.
  - 3. DATES OF CPERATION
    - a. DAVY CROCKETT I 032230 May 1966 110330 May 1966
    - b. DAVY CROCKETT II 110330 May 1966 131912 May 1966
  - 4. LOCATION
    - a. Phase I North of BONG SON (Northeastern DINE BINE Province)
    - b. Phase II Southwest of BONG SON in the "CRCW'S FOOT" area.
- 5. INTELLIGENCE. Elements of the 22d NVA Regiment (Quyet Tam Regiment) were operating in the erea.
- 6. MISSION. Conduct search and destroy operations in vicinity of BCNG SON and "CROW'S FOOT" areas.

## 7. EXECUTION

a. A Battery executed a night read march, departing lass Chap at 2230 hours, 3 May 1966. Portions of this march were accomplished under complete blackout. The battery closed into coordinates 2d 373109 (AREA DCO) at 040660 May 1966. During its stay at this location, the battery fired a total of 971 HE, 22 WP and 26 SRK rounds on a weal of 175 missions with negative surveillance.

b. At 0330 hours, 11 May 1966, the battery moved under complete blackout road march to coordinates BR 804882 (IZ DUCK) closing 110560 hours. From this position one registration and one propagation on IZ BIRD was fixed. Total expenditure was 19 HE and 54 WP rounds with negative surveillance.

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- c. The battery continued its with at 115900 hours, closing into occidinates BR 602839 at 110930. Them this position the battery fired 65 missions, for a total of 44. EP, 90 MP, 5 ILL and 5 SMK.
- d. The battery left coordinates in 302339 at 131330 hours and closed into Base Camp at 131912 May 1966.
- 8. REMORTING OFFICER. 11T Bruce C. Older, Fire Direction Officer, A Battery, 2d Howitzer Battalies, 17th Artillary.
- 9. TASK CRGANIZATION. A Battery, 2d Howitzer Battalien, 17th Artillery attached to 1st Battalien, 21st Artillery.
- 10. MARMATIVE SUMMARY. The batters moved by night read murch to the area of operations and fired in support of operations neith of BCIG SON from AREA DGG. On the morning of LL May 1966, a Battery and 6 Battery, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, executed another blackout read march to 12 DUCK where a proparation was fired before dawn. The bettery then moved on this final position where it supported Phase II of the operation.
  - 11. SUPPORTING FORCES. None.
- 12. RESULTS. The battery fixed five Will Adjust missions during Phase II against live VO targets consisting of automatic and small arms fire. In all cases, the enemy fire was silenced.
  - a. Enemy Losses (Accredited to artillery)
    - (1) KIA (BC)
      - 64
    - (2) KIA (Est) 39
  - b. Friendly Losses (A Btry, 2d How Bn, 17th arty)
    - (1) KIA :
      - 1
    - (2) WIA
- 13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTRIG. During the operation, all emperition resupply was by air. In general, logistic support received inrough the 1st Battalion, 21st Artillary was good.
  - M. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES. None.
- 15. COMMINDER'S ANLYSIS. This operation was a successful one; however, it was marred by the death of 2HT Gilbert Bush, Ferward observer of A Battery, who was killed in action while performing in the role of a 1/9th Cav platoon leader after the regular platoon leader was incapacitated. Also during this operation, SCT Laniel L. Krammes was wounded

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in action while acting as a forward observer with the 1/7th Cav. The battery received valuable training in night operations and proved that night marches are possible under combat conditions in a counterinsurgency operation.

16. RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

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11 June 1966

SUBJECT: Combat Operations after Action Report (Uperation CALLY HOASE)

TO: Commanding Officer
lst Air Cev Div Arty
ATTN: S-3
AFO 96490

- 1. NAME AND TYPE OF OPERATION. CHAZY HORSE, Search and Destroy.
- 2. CONTROL HEADQUARTERS. Headquarters, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery.
  - 3. DATES OF OPERATION. 190001 May 1966 through 052400 June 1968.
- 4. LOCATION. VINH THANH VALLEY and hillnesses to north and east of VINH THANH VALLEY
  - a. Headquarters, 26 Howitzer Battelion, 17th antillary BR 614564
  - b. A Battery, 2d Howitzer Batualion, 17th Artillary BR 613604
  - c. B Battery, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery BR 616594

## 5. INTELLIGENCE

- a. Elements of the 1st Air Cav Division on a sturch-ani-destroy mission of Operation COLT on 16 May 1966, in the hill nees east of VINI THANH VALLEY, discovered large quantities of enery supplies including 120 mm mortar ammunition. Captured documents indicated what a build-up was in progress for an attack on the VINE STAINE VALLEY OF Comp. Units identified were the 95th and 97th batteliens of the 2s VC hejiment, the 32d Arty Bn (120 mm mortar) and the D 26 Local Force Crajery. In addition, later intelligence indicated the possible protones of the monts of the 18th NVA Regiment to the north of this area. Us and FUNE units were deployed around the hill mass to encircle the encory forces.
- b. Terrain was accented by mountainous tropical jungle providing excellent cover.
- 6. MISSION. General Bupport 1st Mir Cav Div Arty; Reinforcin; fires of 2d Bn, 19th Arty.

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## 7. EXECUTION

- a. 17 May 1966. B Btry, 2d How Dn, 17th Arty deployed from Dase Camp by read to VINH THANH VALLEY (Coordinates DR 6155)4) to be attached to the 2d Bn, 19th Arty. Thirty-three missions were fixed, including 20 H&I's.
- b. 10 May 1966. Fifty-two missions were fired, including 41 H&I's.
- c. 19 May 1966. 158 missions were fired including 153 H&I's. One 60 mm mortar was engaged and destroyed.
- d. 20 May 1966. 114 missions were fired including 104 H&I's. Sniper fire was detected and silenced.
- e. 21 May 1966. Fifty-five missions were fired including 40 HAI's. Suspected VC movement was fired upon and movement was reported as having ceased.
- f. 22 May 1966. Thirty-four missions were fired including 18 H&I's. Small arms fire was detected, the target engaged. Surveillance indicated 20 KI& (BC).
- 6. 23 May 1966. Righty-four missions were fixed including 77 Mal's.
- h. 24 May 1966. At 1000 hours, Headquarters, 2d How Bn, 17th Arty and A Btry, 2d How Bn, 17th Arty do; loyed from Base Camp to VINA THANK VALLEY (Coordinates BR 614604) to assume the mission of General Support Reinforcing the 2d How Bn, 19th Arty. B Bury, 2d How Bn, 17th Arty was detached from the 2d How Bn, 19th Arty and was resumed to control of parent unit at 1400 hours. Specific instructions were to saturate suspect areas with Hall fires. 126 missions were fired including 116 Halls.
  - i. 25 May 1966. 142 missions were fired including 130 Halls.
- j. 26 May 1966. 211 missions were fired including 193 He To. Support of CIMC forces at 1Z MONNEY resulted in 13 KIA (30) and 25 (3t), accredited to artillery.
- k. 27 May 1966. 476 missions were fired including 462 HAI's. Flack suppression fires on automatic weaponaresulted in weapons silenced.
  - 1. 28 May 1966. 236 missions were fired including 231 H&I's.
  - m. 29 May 1966. 174 missions were fired including 161 H&I's.

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- n. 30 May 1966. 321 missions were fired including 309 MMI's.
- 0. 31 May 1966. 222 missions were fired including 211 HAI's.
- p. 1 June 1966. Headquarters, 2d How Bn, 17th Arty returned to Dase Camp closing at 1045 hours. A Hattery, 2d How Bn, 17th Arty deployed from the area of operations (3R 613604) for attachment to let Bn, 21st Arty with the mission of security of Highway 19 (JR 621511). B Btry, 2d How Bn, 17th Arty was attached to 2d How Bn, 19th Arty. 150 missions were fired all of which were HAI's.
- q. 2 June 1966. B Battery was detached from the 2d How Bn, 19th Arty, and it returned to Base Camp closing at 1530 hours. 125 missions were fired all of which were MaI's.
  - 8. REPORTING OFFICERS
    - a. Norman P. Chandler, Lt Col, Commanding, 2d How Dr., 17th Arts
- b. James H. Breen, Captain, Commanding, A Btry, 21 Mew Dn, 17th Arty.
- c. Francis San Piotro, Captain, Commending, B Dury, 2d How Bn, 17th Arty.
- 9. Task ORGANIZATION. 2d How Dn, 17th Arty attrached to less dir Cav Div Arty. General Support Reinforcing fires of 2d Dn, 19th Arty.
- 10. NARMATIVE SULMARY. This operation was considered successful. The majority of missions were harrassing and interdiction of large block areas in the hill masses to the north, and northeast of the VINH THANH VALLET. Primary targets were likely avenues of approach and assembly areas. Surveillance of these targets was negative. One proparation mission on LZ MOMENT and one Will Adjust mission resulted in a large number of enemy KIL as noted above.
  - 11. SUPPORTING FORCES. N/A.
  - 12. RESULTS.
    - a. HAI program was intensive and considered effective.
    - b. Summary of Enemy Lossos (Accredited to 2d New Bn, 17th Arty)
      - (1) KIA (BC) 33
      - (2) KIA (Est) 25
      - (3) WIA Unknown

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- c. Summary of Friendly Losses
  - (1) KIA 0
  - (2) WIA 0
  - (3) No equipment losses
- 13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. None.
- 14. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES. Nonc.
- 15. COMMUNDAR'S ANALYSIS

a. Mission. In some instances, East missions were received early in the evening, i.e. 1800. However, clearance for fires at these targets was not given until 2100 hours. This caused the initiation of J&I fires to be delayed two hours after darkness.

b. Logistics. The system of resupply of Class V by the Gui Khon Support Command worked very satisfactority. Flat-bod trailers were delivered daily to the unit and off-loaded during the day. Then on the following day, another trailer would be delivered to the unit and the empty trailer of the previous day picked-up.

16. RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

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24 June 1966

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation HOCKER I)

TO: Commanding Officer
2d How Bn, 17th Arty
APO 96490

- 1. NAME AND THE OF CHERATION. HOURER I, Recommissioned in force.
- 2. CCNTROL HEADQUARTERS
  - a. 30 May 5 June 1966 Hq, 2d Bn, 5th Cav
  - b. 6 June 21 June 1966 Hq, 1st ln, 77th impy
- 3. DATES OF OPERATION. 30 May 1986 21 June 1966.
- 4. LCCLTION. Western ILEIKU PROVINCE to the Cambonium border.
- 5. DITELLIGENCE. N/A
- 6. MISSICN
  - a. 30 May 5 June 1966 Direct Support fo 2d En, 5th Cav
- b. 6 June 21 June 1966 General Support Reinforcing the fires of the 1:t Bn, 77th Arty.
  - 7. EXECUTION
- a. On 30 May the battary continued its attachment to the 12 bm, 5th Cav end moved by surface transportation to the CLTBURG FIGURE 12012011, Zim 109271.
- b. On the following day, 31 May, the battery moved by CH-47 to a position along the SE SAN RIVER, 10 kilometers from the Cambolian bonders
- c. The battery continued close fire support in this area until the morning of 4 June when it displaced to a position near Highway 19 (Y4 6735).
- d. The battery was attached to the let En, 77th irry with the mission of general support reinforcing on 6 June.

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- e. On the 10th of June the unit returned by vehicle to the CATECKA PLANTATION. The battery remained at this location until 20 June whereupon it reasoned its mission in TASA FUNCE COLIT, the Division Reaction Force.
- 8. REPORTING OFFICER. Leonard C. Vose, 117, Assistant Executive Officer, Battery C, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery.
  - 9. TASK ORGANIZATION. N/A
- 10. NARMATIVE SUMMARY. At the start of the operation the battery consisted of 4 tubes as one plateen was on another mission at BAN BLECK. The plateen rejoined the battery 8 June at Za 029307.
  - 11. SUPPORTING FORCES. N/A
  - 12. RESULTS.
    - a. Encay Megative
    - b. Friendly
      - (1) KTA 1
      - (2) Win 2
- 13. AIMINISTRITIVE MATTERS. The friendly casualties were caused by a muzzle burst in the battery position on 14 June, let musber MIRO2-11. A full report was submitted immediately. On 18 June, Captain Howard F. Weber, Commanding Officer, Battery G, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillory was evacuated for torn ligaments in the right log.
  - 14. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES. None.
  - 15. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS. None.
  - 16. RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

/s/Leonard C. Voss LEONARD C. VOSE 1LT, Artillery Assist Axecutive Officer

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18 July 1966

SUBJECT: Combat After Action Report (Operations NATHAN HALE & HENRY CLAY)

TO: Commanding Officer 2d How Bn, 17th Arty APO 96490

1. NIME AND TYPE OF OFERATIONS. Operations RECHY CLAY and RATHIN HALE - Recommaissance in force.

## 2. CUNTROL HEADQUARTERS

- a. 20 June 25 June 1966, Hq. 5th Bn. 27th Arty
- b. 25 June 27 June 1966, Hq, 1st Bn, 21st Arty
- c. 27 June 18 July 1966, Hq, 2d Bn, 19th arty
- 3. DATES OF OPERATION
  - a. Operation NATHAN HALE

20 June 1966 - 1 July 1966

b. Operation HENRY CLAY

2 July 1966 - 18 July 1966

- 4. LOCATION. NATHEN HALE began approximately twenty miles Northwest of TUY HGA and continued to the South and West. Highly Clay began in the vicinity of the CUNG SON Special Forces Camp and continued West toward HIGHWAY 14.
- 5. INTELLIGENCE. Mements of the 95th and 168 NVA Regiments were in the area of operations. To the west, numerous secret bases and supply caches were found, indicating a major infiltration route from west to east.

## 6. MISSION

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- a. 20 June 25 June Reinforce fires of the 5th Bn, 27th Arty
- b. 25 June 12 July Reinforce fires of 2d Bn, 19th Arty
- o. 13 July 18 July DS, 1/12th Cav

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## 7. EXECUTION

- a. 20 Juno 1966. B Dattery was attached to the 1/ th Cav as part of TASK FORCE COLT, the Division reaction force, located at KCNTUM. At 0800, the battery received the final alert to move to TUY HCL by C-130. The first sortic departed KONTUM at 1700, arriving at TUY HOL SOUTH LIRFIELD at 1740.
- b. 21 June 1966. The battery closed TUY HCA SCUTH at 0145, using a total of 12 sorties to move complete with organic valueles. The battery occupied a defensive position beside the arrivald. The battery was ordered to move North on ROUTE 1 to AREA CROSSROLDS (BC 071715). The alvence party moved by UHL-D helicopter to the forward area, and the rain party moved by road convoy, with ARA as security. In Battery closed CROSSROLDS by 1115. At this time, the battery was attracted to the 5th Bn. 27th Arty which had two batteries at CROSSROLDS. Almost immediately, this battery began firing for the 1/8th Cav and 2/327th Infantry, 1st Brigada, 101st Airborne Division.
- c. 22 June 1966. This battery continued its support of the ground elements who were in continuous contact with the enemy defending heavily fortified positions.
- d. 24 Juno 1966. The battery moved by CH-47 using 13 sortics, to an IZ, coordinates BQ 995563. The move began at 1400, and the battery closed at 1535. It was alerted for attachment to 1/21st arty. The forward CP of the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry was also located in the Landing Zone. The mess, maintenance, and amunition sections, with the vehicles, returned to TUY HCA SCUTH.
- e. 25 June 1966. Several preparations were fired for assaulting units. Two will adjust missions at positions at coordinates 02 066468 resulted in 5 VC KIA by body count. This was the only positive surveillance received.
- f. 27 June 1966. B Battery was attached to 2d Dn, 19th Arty at 1200 hours and it continued in this capacity for the remainder of the operations.
- g. 28 June 1966. At 1045, the unit moved to a new position at coordinates CQ 067488. The battery, with 900 rounds, used 15 sorties and it closed at 1245. Defensive concentrations were fired on live targets along the SONG LOI RIVER, but results were unknown. High angle registrations were conducted.
  - h. 29 June 1966. Fire missions were fired on suspected locations.

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- i. 1 July 1966. The battery made a short air hove to coordinates CQ 032391. The move began at 1300 and the battery closed at 1510 using 15 sorties. The purpose of this move was to secure the road to the West, permitting other artillery units to occupy positions along the road to the West. Operation NATHAN HALE terminated and HENRY CLAY began. At 1600, B Battery was displaced by road West to CURS SCW Special Forces Camp, coordinates DQ 807432.
- j. 4 July 1966. The unit used 15 helicopter sorties to move to a landing Zone coordinates BQ 779309. Following the move, one howitzer was out of operation due to a damaged panoramic telescope and site mount. Because of slow logistical response by the unit to which the battery was attached the gun remained out of action until 12 July 1936.
- k. 6 July 1966. The tattery moved in 17 sortios, carrying 1200 rounds, to LZ JUFITER, coordinates BC 616265. That night, during a rainstorm, B Battery delivered fire on the enemy within 3500 meters of the perimeter. The H&I program was increased when 200 abandoned NV4 field packs were discovered in the mountains to the West.
- 1. 7 July 1966. Captain Dan T. Stephenson assumed command of the unit from Captain Francis San Pietro at 0600.
- m. 10 July 1966. The battery was assigned a direct support mission for 1st Bn, 12th Cav.
- n. 12 July 1966. The battery used 13 sortics to move to LZ SILK, coordinates BQ 354493. At the same time, the sections remaining at TUY HOA SOUTH moved by C-130 to AN KHE under control of 2d Bn, 19th Arty.
- o. 16 July 1966. A move was scheduled for 0800, but bad weather in the IZ prevented the Infantry Security Force from occupying the area. At 1330, the move began to IZ NORMA, coordinates 3Q 275514, and the battery closed at 1505 using 11 scrties.
- p. 18 July 1966. The battery was airlifted from the operational area to Highway 19 for a road security mission.
- q. B Battery was commended by the Commanding Officer, 2d En, 19th Arty for its performance both in fire support and air assoults.
- 8. REFORTING OFFICER. Captain Dan T. Stephenson, Commanding Officer, B Battery, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery.
  - 9. TASK ORGANIZATION. N/A

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- 10. NARRATIVE SUPPLIES. During both operations, the battery totaled nine air moves and two road moves. The initial strain of NARRATIVE HIPS contained most of the contact with the VC and the magnify of the "live" fire missions. Following the move to the South on 25 kmc 1966, fire missions were generally defonsive concentrations, road by fire, and halfs. The lst Cav units employed frequent ranking roads to main sin an accurate check on their location. CVT fures were used extensively during preparations and recons by fire, while delay fures were fired on EAT's. The battery rendered technical assistance to two units, B Btry, 5th Bn, 27th Arty and the Marine battery, each ag them to make their first air assaults. Both units used sling loads during their operations. The extensive air operatic tresulted in the valuable training of many of the battery's new personnel, many of who joined the battery during the operation.
  - 11. SUPPORTING FORCES. N/A
- 12. RESULTS. Surveillance was obtained on only two missions: results Enemy KIA 5 (confirmed).
  - 13. AIMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.
    - a. Supply
- (1) Class I. The battery mess moved with the unit to AREA CROSEROLDS, and, in that area, it projected essentially "5" rations. Following the initial air move, "C" rations were issued for a majority of the meals. From 29 June 1966 to 10 July 1966, the battery ate one hot meal of "A" rations each day. The meal was prepared at TUY HOA and flown to the battery position. The battery experienced little difficulty with C-ration supply. Water was supplied by exchanging water bladders with the Forward Support Element. At times, the battery's water supply became critical, but the support was generally good.
- (2) Class III. Lack of generators required the operation of the ton radio vehicle to power communications equipment. This necessitated resupply of Mogas using a 55 gallon drum. This presented no problem. Two leaking recoil mechanisms increased the consumption of recoil oil and the supply was often critical.
- (3) Class V. The battery emmunition section worked for the Forward Support Element at TUY HOL during that phase of the operation. At no time was resupply a problem, and slings of expended canisters were exchanged with each sling of ammunition. During some air moves, extra sorties were needed because of a mistaken ammunition resupply, or a duplication of resupply orders.

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## b. Forsonnel and Administration

- (1) Some difficulty developed in countriesting canapartation of personnel to base camp and to the operational creat
- (2) During the initial stages of the quantions, the battemy changed control headquarters four times. Four mail service for that period was a result, however, once the 2d En, 19th arty handled the mail, it usually arrived from batter camp within two days. Many items or correspondence, with suspense dates, durived on or after the suspense date.

## c. Modical

- (1) Seven personnel were evacuated from the operational area during the reporting period.
- (2) The Battelion Surgeon, 5th Br, 27th Arty, held sick call on 23 June 1966, but this was the only professional medical attention the battery received until 20 July 1966.

## d. Maintenance

- (1) The battery was without a generator to power communications equipment for the entire period.
- (2) The vehicles at TUY HOA were frequently used by Sod, 2d Bn, 19th Arty, and one 22 ton truck with driver was permanently attached to the Division Headquarters for the operation.
- (3) One howitzer was non-operational from 4 July to 12 July due to a damaged site and mount. The site and the mount were delivered on 8 July 1966, but a site mount holder was not delivered until 12 July. This part, along with level bubbles, was repeatedly requested, cut action was very slow.

## 14. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES.

- a. The battery used M-17 protective masks to protect their aircraft guides. This proved highly successful, and seemed to give guides and hook-up crews more confidence.
- b. B Battery moved by C-130, complete with vehicles, and there was a minimum of trouble. The C-130's used an ACL of 28,000 runnis.
- c. Section equipment and personal bascase plus ammunition were carried "piggyback" beneath the howitzer in A22 containers (Nots). This accomplished two objectives: 1) Decrease ammunition sorties by

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- one; 2) Limit the amount of equipment fastened to the howitzer, thus increasing the speed of employment in the Landing Zone.
- d. Trip flares were used to illuminate the aircraft guide during night ammunition resupply. The flare is activated when the aircraft is on "short final" to the Landing Zone. Flares were also used to orient aircraft heading to other Landing Zones.

## 15. CUMMANDER'S ANALYSIS

- a. A radio repairman with a small PIL should be attached to a firing battery on extended operations in order to alleviate the long delays incurred when a radio must be evacuated to the forward support element for direct or general support maintenance.
- b. The switching of the forward support element from TUY HOA to CHEO REO did not appear to go very smoothly. The new forward support base should be set up and be in operation before the old base discontinues operations.

## 16. RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. That batteries should be issued a complete set of IZ-control equipment, to include colored vests and night-guiding equipment.
- b. That a trained radio regairmen with a limited PLL accompany the battery.

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